

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 225

Introduced by Assembly Member Frommer

January 29, 2003

An act to add Section 17280.7 to the Education Code, relating to school facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 225, as introduced, Frommer. School facilities: retrofit.

Existing law, the Field Act, required the Seismic Safety Commission to convene an advisory committee by August 19, 2002, to study and report on whether a regulatory process may be developed that will allow the State Architect to determine whether a building not originally constructed in compliance with the Field Act either meets or can be retrofitted to meet the equivalent pupil safety performance standards as a building constructed according to the Field Act. Existing law required the commission by January 8, 2003, after reviewing the advisory committee's findings, to make a determination as to whether the regulatory process may be developed, and if so, requires the State Architect to draft regulations to establish that regulatory process.

This bill would also require the State Architect, in consultation with the School Facilities Planning Division of the State Department of Education, to develop guidelines to assist a public school district and design professional in their evaluation of a commercial building for potential lease if the building was not originally constructed in compliance with the Field Act to determine whether the building may be retrofitted to meet the equivalent pupil safety performance standards as a building constructed in compliance with the Field Act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17280.7 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 17280.7. The State Architect, in consultation with the School
4 Facilities Planning Division of the State Department of Education,
5 shall develop guidelines to assist a public school district and design
6 professional in their evaluation of a commercial building for
7 potential lease if the building was not originally constructed in
8 compliance with the Field Act to determine whether the building
9 may be retrofitted to meet the equivalent pupil safety performance
10 standards as a building constructed in compliance with to the Field
11 Act.

